



Morning Minimum Wage

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Highlights from the Committee on Education and the Workforce
Democrats' eForum on the need to raise the national minimum wage

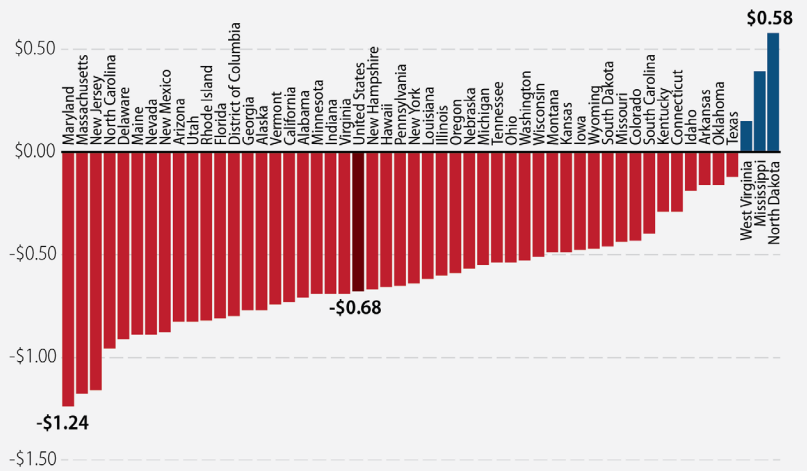
"I have a two-year-old son, I'm trying to finish my college degree, and I make minimum wage working at Sears...If I made more, I would be able to pay more bills on time and also be able to provide the basic life essentials for my family. I don't want the next generation to grow up in poverty."

— Amina, from Wisconsin

Wages have gone down for low-wage workers in nearly every state since the Great Recession

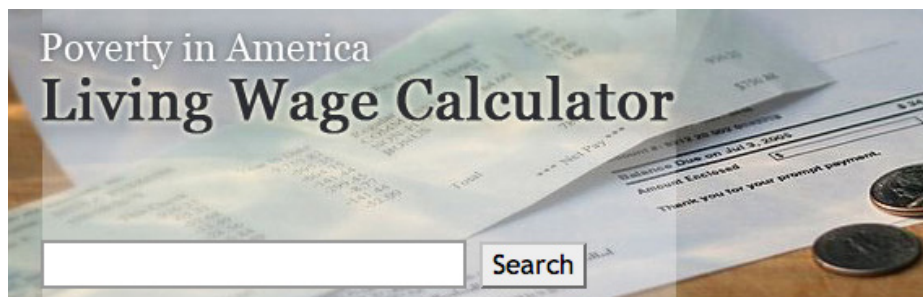
Change in wages for low-wage earners (20th percentile), 2009–2013 (2013 dollars)

Wage Change Since 2009



Source: Economic Policy Institute Analysis of CPS-ORG data

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This living wage calculator estimates the cost of living in communities and regions across the country. The calculator lists typical expenses, the living wage and typical wages for the selected location. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

